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Dasara elephant Arjuna gored to death by wild tusker

Last rites at Dabballikatte Forest core area in Hassan today

Forest Minister holds emergency meeting; likely to order probe

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre (second from left), who held an emergency meeting at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi this morning, seen with Ministers N.S. Boseraju, K.N. Rajanna and K.J. George and Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna, who is also the Legal Advisor to the CM.

A file photo of Arjuna, which carried the Golden Howdah eight times (2012-2019) during Dasara Jumboo Savari.

Hassan / Bengaluru, Dec. 5 (MTY&BCT)- The last rites of 64-year-old elephant Arjuna began with puja rituals at 12 noon today. The pachyderm will be eventually buried with full State honours and Forest Department honours. The eight-time Golden Howdah carrier of Mysuru Dasara festivities was gored to death yesterday following a confrontation with a wild elephant in the Yeslur range forest of Sakleshpur taluk in Hassan district.

At around 1.30 pm, the process of the last rites were on at Dabballikatte KFDC Forest core area under the leadership of S.V. Prahallada Rao, the Chief Priest of the Mysore Palace. Last night, the royal family despatched puja materials for the last rites as per custom and traditions. The post-mortem was scheduled to be held after the rituals.

The core area with thick vegetation was cleared by the Forest Department staff this morning with the help of earth movers. A pendal was set up for the staff and veterinarians to conduct the post-mortem. People from far-off villages, Raitha Sangha activists and estate workers had gathered at the place from early in the morning.

Upset at the absence of senior Forest Department officers, Raitha Sangha activists took the junior staff to task for their alleged disrespect to Arjuna who was the star Dasara performer. Some of the activists demanded that the carcass must be buried at Balle Camp where Arjuna resided after retirement and the burial place must be next to the legendary Drona, who was laid to rest there.

Hundreds of villagers lined up today to pay their last respects. They had brought flowers with them and showered on carcass.

(See ARJUNA on page 6)

Cyclone Michaung wreaks havoc in Chennai; moving to Andhra

TN Govt. recently spent Rs. 4,000 crore on storm water drains

Chennai, Dec. 5 (UNI & Agencies)- Cyclone Michaung is wreaking havoc in Chennai and its adjacent districts since yesterday, causing widespread disruptions due to incessant rainfall and flooding. The city saw power outages and internet disruptions, with heavy rains and strong winds persisting throughout the region. Today, the cyclone is moving towards Andhra Pradesh.

Picture courtesy: Internet

Dramatic scenes unfolded with parked cars submerged in water near high-rise apartments and people wading through waist-deep water on main roads. Rescue operations were underway to assist the worst-affected individuals, transporting them to safety via boats. These distressing visuals have circulated widely since yesterday, highlighting the severity of the situation.

Powerful winds uprooted trees across Tamil Nadu, impacting the daily lives. Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu remain on high alert as the cyclonic storm is expected to make landfall today, bringing with it a maximum sustained wind speed of 80-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph. Both States saw heavy rainfall and thunderstorms in the last 24 hours.

(See CYCLONE on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 5th December 2023

SSLC, II PU exam provisional time-table announced

Bengaluru, Dec.5 (KMS&DM)- With the annual exams of SSLC and II PUC (2023-24) just a few months away, the Department of School Education and Literacy has announced the provisional time-table for the exams.

As per the announcement published in the Department website, the SSLC exams (2023-24) will be held from Mar.25 to Apr.6, 2024, spanning 13 days and the II PU exams from Mar.2 to Mar.22, 2024, spanning 21 days.

The Department has invited objections , if any, from students, parents and members of the public regarding the provisional time-table. The objections, along with justification, can be filed till Dec.15, 2023.

The SSLC exam will start with First Language paper on Mar.25 and end on Apr.6, 2024, with Second Language paper (English and Kannada).

The II PU exam will commence on Mar.2 with Kannada and Arabic language papers and end with Economics paper on Mar.22.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Everybody is body shamed." This statement that I read somewhere set my mind thinking — how true or untrue is this? Very true it seems — as a world-renowned beauty and Bollywood diva was recently body shamed, trolled and criticised for her look at Paris Fashion Week. If someone like her can get trolled and shamed, and called ' auntyji.. buddi (old hag) imagine what an average woman may have to go through — the society is filled with insensitive people who are obsessed with other people's bodies. Seriously it is a mental sickness, a compulsive disorder.

The trauma people go through facing them is unimaginable. The perpetrators and the victims, both need help.

We always believe that body-shaming happens rarely with men. But for years, men have also been body shamed — professional athletes and celebrities being the target of brutal body shaming for pot bellies or bald heads — and adolescent boys get bullied for gynecomastia (man boobs) 'or for being very skinny. Social stigma and gender dynamics force men to remain bottled up with their feelings. Emotional men are laughed at and they rarely seek psychiatric and psychological help. All these can result in severe trauma leading to mental health issues.

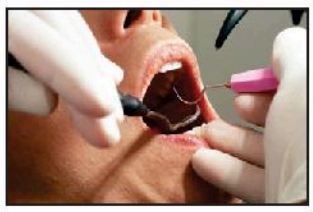
A study has shown that suicide due to body shaming is the fourth leading cause of death in 15-19-year-olds. Continuous body shaming can have negative emotional effects, like anxiety, lowered self-esteem, depression and the development of eating disorders. Hence it is important to inculcate body positive thoughts right from young age. A temple elephant was on its way to the temple to offer the daily rituals to the deity — one pig came in front, fully covered in filth and grime, on seeing which the elephant moved aside and the pig thought 'ah see my power, even the elephant is stepping aside to make way for me' — whereas the elephant's thoughts were — 'I am on my way to do my temple duty, why get dirtied by this filthy pig.'

This very philosophy can be applied when faced with body shaming by uncouth people — just move away... need not take anything from their filthy mouths... focus on your strengths and purpose of life!

— Ambika Ananth in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man posing as dentist, extracts front teeth



Istanbul: A Turkish man had to endure over a month of excruciating pain after he had four of his front teeth extracted by a cleaner posing as a dentist at a clinic in Istanbul.

According to documents with the Istanbul Civil Court, 42-year-old Hakan Yıldırım, an Istanbul man, took an appointment at a dental clinic in the Kağıthane district. Cemal Şenaslan, who introduced himself as a dentist, told Hakan to come in the evening. When the patient turned up at the clinic later that day, he was greeted by Şenaslan.

Cemal Şenaslan anesthetised the 42-year-old man and then extracted four front teeth, insisting that it was necessary. Hakan's face swelled and had bruise marks under his eyes.

The Court sentenced the fake dentist to 2 and a half years in prison for practicing without a diploma and forced him to pay compensation.

Android waitress goes viral in China

Beijing: An android waitress working at a restaurant in Chongqing, China, went viral last month, mesmerizing viewers with its robotic movements, but she turned out to be nothing more than a choreographed illusion.

The sight of a robot working as a waitress at a restaurant scandalized a lot of people when videos of it started circulating on China's version of TikTok. Some viewers were in awe of the android's human-like appearance and its ability to interact with real people as they entered the restaurant, taking their orders and bringing them to their tables, but others declared themselves a little creeped out by it, a common reaction to the uncanny valley effect. But it turned out that the android waitress was more lifelike than people thought...

HEALTH CAPSULE

Simple way to avoid iron deficiency anemia is to eat food rich in iron like green leafy vegetables, broccoli, fruits, whole grains and red meat.

By Dr. Giripunja M – Consultant – Haematology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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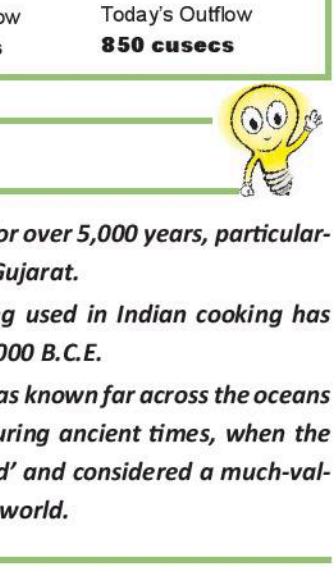
LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Book release, discussion in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 5- Mysuru Book Clubs - 2015 has organised a programme for the release of Radhika Iyengar's book *'Fire on the Ganges - Life among the Dead in Banaras'* at Grub House, Vinoba Road (opposite KSOU), Jayalakshmipuram, at 5.30 pm tomorrow (Dec. 6).

The book release will follow a discussion with Meena Joshi, Member of Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 and a Benarasi.



WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **96.75 feet**	Today's level **2,273.98 feet**	Today's level **2,834.29 feet**
Last year's level **120.30 feet**	Last year's level **2,272.75 feet**	Last year's level **2,835.91 feet**
Yesterday's level **96.86 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.94 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,834.93 feet**
Today's Inflow **785 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **614 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **110 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,586 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **850 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *India has been producing salt for over 5,000 years, particularly in its Rann of Kutch area in Gujarat.*
- *Evidence of black pepper being used in Indian cooking has been found from as early as 2,000 B.C.E.*
- *The Southern State of Kerala was known far across the oceans for its black pepper exports during ancient times, when the spice was known as 'black gold' and considered a much-valued commodity in parts of the world.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

The photographer was positioning newly-wed couple for wedding photos when he asked, *"Have you ever modelled?"*
Bride's cheeks instantly turned red. *"No, I haven't, but I always thought..."*
The photographer interrupted: *"I MEANT HIM..."*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.38**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 105.33**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.70**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 90.32**

VOICE OF THE READER

Bad condition of roads in Bannimantap

Sir,

I would like to draw the attention of the authorities concerned towards the bad condition of roads in our locality, 4th Cross road, Bannimantap A Layout, near Bannimantap Post Office.

Prior to Dasara, the road repair work was done till 3rd Cross road of the said Layout, but 4th Cross road has been left out.

The condition of this road is deplorable with countless potholes making the purpose of the road, a failure. Moreover, things get even worse during the rainy season when potholes are not visible due to the poor drainage system. The residents are facing a lot of inconvenience due to the bad road condition.

On behalf of the residents of Bannimantap A Layout , I request the authorities concerned to repair the roads at the earliest.

—Aggrieved residents
Bannimantap A Layout
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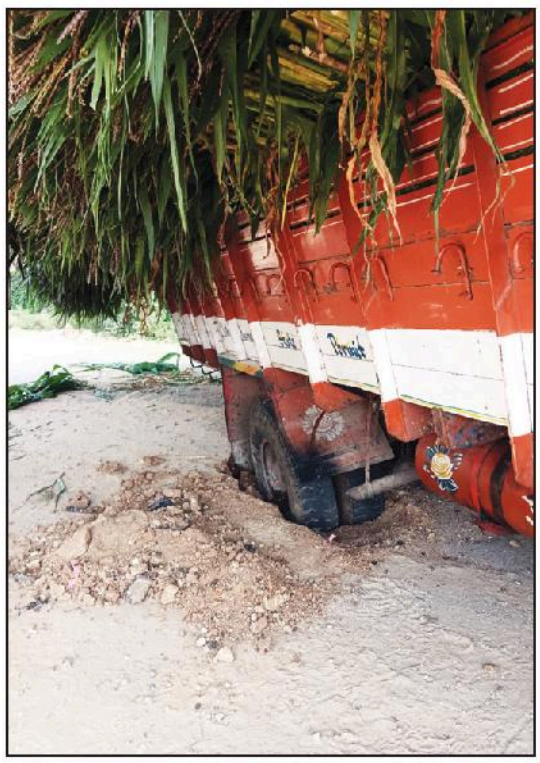
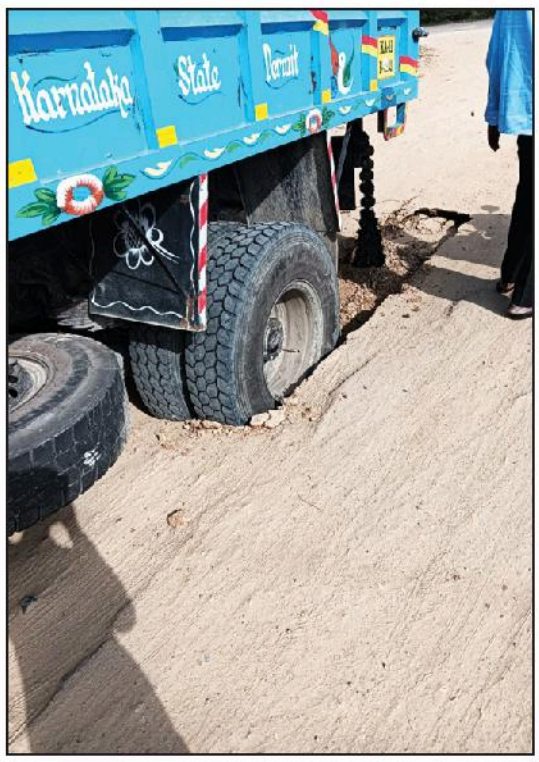
An example for shoddy work

Trucks get stuck in middle of road





Mysuru, Dec. 5 (MK&KS)- Two trucks got stuck in the middle of the road leading to the JW Golf Club yesterday night and today morning. Works to lay UGD pipes and manhole construction were taken up a few days ago and the wheels of the two trucks got stuck as the portion of the road, where the pipes were laid, caved in due to the weight of the trucks.

Yesterday night, a truck (KA-06-A-2799) carrying grass was proceeding towards Pinjrapole when the wheels of the vehicle got stuck in the middle of the road which hampered the smooth flow of other vehicles on the stretch. This morning, another truck got stuck in the similar way, which shows the shoddy works taken up by the person or agency concerned.

A motorist told *SOM* that after completing the pipe laying and manhole construction works, the portion of the dug up road should have been properly filled. Also, the entire stretch of the road is filled with potholes causing a lot of problems to vehicle users.

Public have urged the authorities concerned to inspect the spot and take necessary steps.

MGP meeting on Dec. 10

To discuss innovative ways to celebrate National Consumer Day

Mysuru, Dec. 5- The monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) will be held at MGP Office, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, Mysuru, on Dec. 10 (Sunday) at 4 pm.

"In the past, Consumer Day celebration events were held in a ritualistic manner to discuss Consumer Protection Act and to claim that consumers should be treated as kings in private sector and as masters in public sector. But we fail to discuss why the reality is very different," stated a press release from MGP.

This year MGP has decided to adapt a totally different approach to involve Schools, Colleges, Trade Associations and Government Offices to take this activity in a more practical way to develop their own strategies and to replace talks.

Already MGP has contacted several institutions and printed posters to promote responsible citizenship. Some of them have already developed good ideas.

During the December monthly meeting, participants will be brainstorming ideas to celebrate National Consumer Day (Dec. 24) in a more meaningful way to bring about better governance.

MGP, in a press release, has invited all concerned and interested consumers to participate in the meeting to ensure "we the people, are masters and not servants." For details contact Ph: 0821-2515150.

Government Departments owe Rs.600 crore to CESC

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (GA&DM)- Even as CESC (Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation) battles to shore up its revenues, it has been discovered that various Government Departments owe the State-run Power company more than a whopping Rs. 600 crore.

The CESC covers five districts of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu.

Many Government Departments such as Education, RDPR, Irrigation and Water Resources, Municipal Administration, PWD, Agriculture, Forest, Animal Husbandry, Social Welfare, Fisheries, Sericulture, Women and Child Development, Tourism, Food and Civil Supplies, Law, Local bodies, Excise, Home, Textiles, Transport, Labour, etc., are the major defaulters and collectively owe CESC Rs.600 crore. The main defaulter is Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) with outstanding dues running upto Rs.112 crore, followed by ZP with Rs. 110 crore and Mandya's MySugar factory with Rs.40 crore.

The CESC's attempts to get its dues have hit a road block with the defaulter Departments saying that they are unable to pay the electricity bills due to lack of grants and they are in touch with the Government for clearing power bill dues.

Meanwhile, CESC authorities, who are concerned over mounting dues of Government Departments, have expressed helplessness as the Departments are meant for public service and they cannot cut off power supplies for payment defaults.

PSI recruitment re-exam at Bengaluru on Jan. 23

Belagavi, Dec. 5 (DM)- Bowing to demand from various quarters, the State Government has decided to postpone the re-exam for PSI (Police Sub-Inspector) recruitment by a month and accordingly the exam will be held **ONLY** at Bengaluru centres on Jan.23, 2024.

The Government decided to conduct re-exam following a recent High Court order in the wake of recruitment scam last year.

Announcing the fresh date of re-exam on the first day of the winter session of the State Legislature at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi on Monday, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara said that following the demand from candidates and Opposition parties, it has been decided to postpone the re-exam for recruitment of 545 PSIs by a month. Earlier, the re-exam was scheduled to take place on Dec.23, he noted.

Pointing out that all the candidates who were eligible to write the earlier exam, will be allowed for the re-exam, he highlighted that this time, the written exam will be held **ONLY** at Bengaluru centres as a security measure and there will be no centres in any other places of the State.

It may be mentioned here that the High Court had recently ordered re-exam after the papers were leaked in the recruitment exam held last year. An ADGP and a host of other Police officers were allegedly involved in the question paper leak, with the Congress, then in the Opposition, charging the then BJP Government in power of corruption and scam.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up 3rd quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Bannur Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Bannur Town, Kodagalli, Bisihalli, Hegguru, Attalli, Ketupura, Rangasamudra villages and Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, CESC, Nanjangud Division.

Railway Pensioners meeting on Dec. 9

The monthly meeting of Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru, will be held on Dec. 9 at 11.30 am at 'A' Manuel Hall, Seshadri Iyer Road in city. Association General Secretary M.D. Sunil Kumar Jain will welcome the gathering. Working President G.S. Swaminathan will address the gathering regarding the present status of the cases of notional increment for those who retired on Superannuation on June 30/ Dec. 31. President Parthasarathy will address the members and Vice-President M. Govinda Rao will propose a vote of thanks.

University invites applications

The University of Mysore (UoM) has invited applications from registered Educational Institutions for establishing Degree (First Grade) Colleges in the University limits, starting from the academic year 2024-25. The applicant Educational Institutions of the city should have a minimum of one acre area in MCC limits, while those in Taluk headquarters should have 1.5 acre of land and those in other rural areas should have a minimum of 3 acres land, registered in the name of a Trust or should have entered into a 30-year or more Lease Deed agreement registered in the local Sub-Registrar office, according to a press release. Interested Educational Institutions can visit the office of the Director, College Development Council, Moulya Bhavan (Evaluation Block), Bogadi Road, Manasagangothri, Mysuru or call Ph: 0821-2419415 or 2419306.

Fancy dress contest

Vishwaprajna Nursery, Primary, High School and Composite PU College, Dattagalli 3rd Stage, has organised an Inter-School Fancy Dress Contest for Nursery students in memory of Kalkuni Mahadevaiah at the School premises on Dec. 9 at 9 am. The prize winners will be given certificates and the first two winning schools will be given Rolling Shield and mementoes. For details, contact Shubha on Mob: 95914-51558.

Kin of former Minister found dead in forest

Mahadevaiah, brother-in-law of C.P. Yogeshwar, was allegedly kidnapped from his farmhouse near Channapatna on the night of Dec. 2; Bludgeoned body found in Doddagundi forest area near Ramapura in Chamarajanagar district

Hanur, Dec. 5 (BS)- A realtor, who had gone missing in a mysterious manner from his farmhouse near Channapatna in Ramanagar district on Dec. 2, was found dead in a forest area near Ramapura in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district yesterday.

Mahadevaiah (58), a realtor and brother-in-law of MLC C.P. Yogeshwar (who is also a former Minister), is the deceased. Mahadevaiah, who had huge stakes in real estate at Channapatna, Bidadi and surroundings, is suspected to have been allegedly kidnapped and murdered by a gang of three. The killers had bludgeoned Mahadevaiah's face with a stone to conceal his identity before disposing of his body in the forest area, it is said.

Mahadevaiah is married to Yogeshwar's younger sister and

Deceased Mahadevaiah

was the Director of Mega City, a real estate firm with Yogeshwar as its Managing Director.

He was at his farmhouse at Chakkere near Channapatna, when he was allegedly kidnapped by unidentified miscreants along with his car (KA-42 N-0012) on the night of Dec. 2.

The documents and clothes in the house were found ransacked, triggering the suspicion of kidnap among family members, who had lodged a complaint in this regard at Channapatna Police Station.

Meanwhile, Mahadevaiah's cell phone was switched off but Channapatna Police had succeeded in tracing the mobile tower location to Male Mahadeshwara Hill Road. Even then, the Police were making calls repeatedly to his cell phone that was received once by a person who spoke like a drunkard before switching off the phone. Channapatna Police soon shared the information with their counterparts at Kollegal Town and Rural, Hanur, Ramapura and MM Hills Police Stations seeking their cooperation in tracing Mahadevaiah.

His (Mahadevaiah) car was found abandoned near Primary Health Centre at Ramapura on Sunday night and upon inspection after opening the lock by force, the blood stains were found in the boot space of the car. The Police inspected CCTV camera footages of the surroundings and found three persons going towards Nala Road from Ramapura. One among them was wearing a lungi and two others in trousers. They returned after 15 minutes from Nala Road. Acting on the leads, Police suspected that the miscreants may have murdered Mahadevaiah before dumping his body in the forest.

Police launched a search operation on Monday morning and finally succeeded in tracing the body near Doddagundi forest area. The body may have been thrown from a height of 50 feet and the perpetrators may have been well aware of the forest area, Police suspected.

Chamarajanagar Superintendent of Police (SP) Padmini Saho, Ramanagar SP Karthik Reddy, Kollegal Dy.SP Somegowda, Ramapura Circle Police Inspector (CPI) Santosh Kashyap and Police personnel from Channapatna Police Station visited the spot.

Former Minister C.P. Yogeshwar and his brother C.P. Rajesh and family members also visited Ramapura Police Station last evening.

Woman, two daughters drown in river near Srimangala

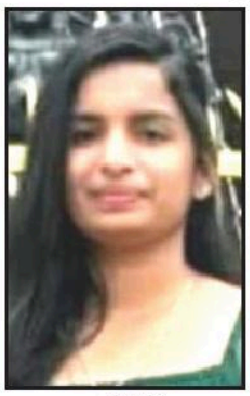
Srimangala (South Kodagu), Dec. 5- A woman and her two daughters were drowned in Kutiyala River, which flows adjacent to a coffee estate near Srimangala on Saturday.

The deceased are coffee estate owner and a representative of Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP) Ashvini (48), her daughters Nikhita (21) and Navya (18). Though they were drowned on Saturday, the incident came to light on Sunday.

On Saturday, Ashvini and her daughters left home at Hudikeri village on a scooter but did not return home even on Sunday. As their pet dog was barking and making weird sounds due to hunger, the neighbours came to the house only to find the door locked. They then tried calling the mobile phones but the phones were switched off and not reachable.

Assuming that Ashvini and her daughters may have gone to their estate at Hysodlur village near Igunda, the neighbours along with a few villagers went to the coffee estate and found the scooter parked there. When they went around the estate, they found the dress of Navya and slippers of the three on the banks of Kotiyala River. Suspecting something wrong, the villagers lodged a complaint with Srimangala Police.

Ashvini



Nikhita

Navya

The Police, who rushed to the spot along with Fire and Emergency Services personnel, conducted a search operation to trace the bodies and managed to fish out the three bodies on Sunday evening.

Ashvini's husband works at a hotel in Mysuru and on receiving information, he rushed to the village.

Villagers said that Ashvini and her family members were happy and leading a normal life. Though there are no witnesses to tell how the tragedy took place, only Navya's dress was found on the banks while Ashvini and Nikitha were found wearing their dress.

It is suspected that Navya may have drowned while having a bath and Ashvini and Nikitha, in their attempt to save Navya from drowning, may have also got drowned, Police sources said.

Srimangala Police, who have registered a case, are waiting for the post-mortem report to ascertain the exact cause for the deaths.

Two youths meet watery grave

Mysuru, Dec. 5- Two youths were reportedly drowned in Varuna Canal on KRS-Mysuru Main Road near Mogarahalli on Friday evening.

The deceased are Nandan (26) and Kiran (26), residents of MCC Colony in K.G. Koppal here.

On Friday evening, Nandan and Kiran, along with their friends Lakshman and Revanna, who were contract employees at MCC, went to Varuna Canal for a swim, during which Nandan and Kiran went missing in the waters.

A missing complaint was lodged at KRS Police Station and on request from the Police, release of water to Varuna Canal was reduced to facilitate the search operation. Both the bodies were found at the same spot near Shadanahalli village.

Obituary

Kannambira Parvathi

Mysuru, Dec. 5- Kannambira

Parvathi (Kechettira), wife of Palangappa and a resident of Ramakrishna Nagar, passed away this morning in city. She was 74.

She leaves behind her husband, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar this afternoon.

M.R. Gayathri

M.R. Gayathri (66), wife of

retired veterinarian Dr. M.N. Swamy and a resident of Siddartha Layout, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

While other tamed elephants fled, Arjuna stood ground

Giant tusker that attacked Arjuna from nowhere was unidentified, says forest official

A TV grab of the unidentified tusker that killed Arjuna yesterday. Picture right shows the deceased Arjuna at Yeslur range forest in Hassan district this morning.

Hassan, Dec. 5 (MTY&BCT)- Arjuna, the 64-year-old elephant that carried the 750-kg Golden Howdah eight times during Mysuru Dasara, passed away yesterday following a confrontation with a wild elephant in Yeslur range forest, Sakleshpur taluk in Hassan district. The incident occurred during an operation to capture wild elephants.

The initiative to affix radio collars on nine wild elephants commenced on Nov. 24 in Belur taluk. Tamed elephants, including Arjuna, were enlisted for the operation.

Arjuna, accompanied by five other kumki elephants — Sugreeva, Ashwathama, Dhananjaya, Bhima and Prashantha — actively participated in the attempt to capture a wild elephant. The Forest Department had undertaken this operation to address the issue of troublesome tuskers in Sakleshpur, Alur, Belur and Yeslur ranges of Hassan.

During the operation around 11 am yesterday, the Department staff identified a tusker for capture and a herd of 12 elephants was observed. Following protocol, the target elephant needed to be separated from the group. The operation involved six trained elephants and was meticulously planned.

Around 2 pm, the staff, assisted by tamed elephants, successfully separated the tusker and was about to administer a tranquilliser dart to sedate it. However, the wild tusker charged at the tamed elephants. The Department staff fired many rounds in the air with guns but this did not scare the wild elephant.

A different tusker?

This morning, officials in Hassan clarified that the tusker responsible for attacking Arjuna was not the one initially identified for radio-collar placement by the Forest staff.

A forest officer informed reporters, "The wild tusker, in a musth condition, that attacked Arjuna was not identified at all. It was not in the herd, and the giant tusker attacked Arjuna all of a sudden and from nowhere. We had never seen or spotted this particular tusker."

Reports said that Arjuna's mahout Vinu and veterinarian Dr. Ramesh were on top of Arjuna and Dr. Ramesh could not fire the tranquilliser due to the sudden attack. Vinu and Dr. Ramesh fell to the ground safely from Arjuna's top as he bent during the attack. While the other elephants withdrew, Arjuna stood firm, facing the charging tusker. The wild tusker's sudden attack forced the elephants and mahouts to retreat.

Sustained deep wounds

Arjuna valiantly fought against the tusker, sustaining deep wounds. Unfortunately, he succumbed a few minutes later, leaving caretakers and staff in deep sorrow. Vinu, Arjuna's caretaker, fainted upon learning of the tragedy and was rushed to a hospital in Sakleshpur. He had been dedicatedly associated with Arjuna for many years.

The wild elephant inflicted severe injuries to Arjuna's abdomen and sides with a sharp tusk, leading to his demise. The intense bleeding and pain became unbearable for Arjuna, who breathed his last with great difficulty.

In the skirmish between the wild tusker and Arjuna, over two acres of vegetation were damaged, according to officials. After Arjuna fell, the staff cleared the ground to make way for cremation and other formalities.

CM condoles Dasara elephant's death

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah condoled the death of Arjuna recalling his majestic gait amid lakhs of people during the historical Dasara festivities as unforgettable. "The majestic walk of Arjuna remains etched in the memory of lakhs of people like me," he said in his post on X.

Former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy said he was deeply pained by the loss of Arjuna. "While other elephants went back, Arjuna alone fought valiantly during the operation. It is sad to know the animal is no more. I wish the Forest Department staff took enough care for their safety and safety of the animals involved in such operations," he said.

Was the tranquilliser dart fired? Did it hit Arjuna?

Alleging cover-up after negligence, wildlife activists call for detailed investigation

Hassan, Dec. 5 (MTY&BCT)- Conflicting accounts have emerged from the incident where Arjuna succumbed to the injuries inflicted by a wild tusker.

According to the Forest Department's press release, the team involved in the wild elephant capture at Yeslur was unable to administer the tranquilliser dart to the wild tusker as it launched a sudden attack.

However, contradictory information surfaced when another forest officer informed reporters this morning that the tusker responsible for Arjuna's death was not the one initially marked for radio-collaring. This unknown tusker, previously unseen in the region, introduced an element of unpredictability to the situation.

Furthermore, varying versions of the events are circulating, with one report suggesting that the tranquilliser dart was fired, inadvertently striking Arjuna instead of the wild elephant, rendering him more vulnerable. Another account mentions that the dart hit the legs of elephant Prashantha, and Arjuna valiantly guarded Prashantha while the wild tusker attacked.

Forced out of retirement

Arjuna, captured in 1968 during a Khedda operation in the Kakanakote forest, carried the Golden Howdah until his retirement in 2020 after 60 years of service. Allegations from wildlife enthusiasts claim that the tusker, peacefully residing at the Balle Elephant Camp in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, was forced out of retirement for elephant and tiger-trapping operations.

Critics argue that this move violated Supreme Court guidelines, which prohibit the engagement of tamed elephants in hazardous tasks. They assert that the Forest Department's decision to involve Arjuna in such operations directly led to his tragic demise.

Wildlife activists are demanding a thorough and impartial investigation to uncover the truth behind Arjuna's death, emphasising the need for accountability and adherence to established guidelines. Alleging a cover-up after negligence that led to Arjuna's death, the wildlife activists have demanded the collection of blood samples from Arjuna to determine the presence of sedatives.

A TRIBUTE

From mighty power to grace: Arjuna's legacy of grandeur

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Dec. 5- Arjuna, the Golden Howdah Elephant from 2012 to 2015 and from 2017 to 2019, had a distinguished career before retiring at the age of 60. Captured in 1968 from the Kakanakote Forest in the Western Ghats, Arjuna was sheltered at Nagarahole National Park's Balle Elephant Camp.

For over 24 years, Arjuna played a prominent role in Mysuru's renowned Dasara procession, serving as both the lead elephant and carrying the flag with royal insignia as the 'Nishane' elephant. He was among the last of a generation of giants captured during the 1968 Khedda operations. Arjuna remained the mightiest of all Dasara elephants for many years, weighing 5,850 kgs during the 2023 Dasara.

Departing from the Balle camp on Nov. 23, Arjuna joined the elephant operation in Hassan. Renowned for his majesty and initial short temper, Arjuna developed a more composed temperament over time, contributing to his successful tenure as the lead elephant. He was eventually replaced by Abhimanyu due to regulations prohibiting the engagement of elephants older than 60 years in stressful and physically strenuous tasks.

Arjuna, akin to a beloved member of the Mysuru Dasara family, was seen as the embodiment of grace, courage and the spirit of the grand festival. Possessing 'rough' and 'tough' qualities, Arjuna had gradually transformed into a gentle and amiable personality.

PART OF FAMILY

Captured at the age of 15, Arjuna was feared by other elephants. Despite being chained, other elephants hesitated to approach Arjuna out of fear. The Forest Department assigned Mahout Koosa and later Dodda Masti to take care of Arjuna and for them, Arjuna was like a son.

From the beginning, Arjuna displayed traits similar to a younger sibling and mingled with Koosa and his playfulness made it challenging for him to be controlled. After Koosa's retirement, Arjuna was assigned to Dodda Masti, who enjoys the credit of taming Arjuna further. Dodda Masti turned the rough and tough Arjuna into a gentle giant.

DISTINCTIVE TRAIT

Arjuna exhibited a distinctive trait. Each evening, he would be sent into the forest for the night, much like any other elephant. However, when the elephants returned to the camp the next morning, Arjuna would head straight to the house of Dodda Masti where he would be mandatorily fed with ragi balls and chapati. Even after Dodda Masti's retirement, Arjuna continued his daily routine to eat from Dodda Masti's home. His penchant for consuming these treats made him unique among the elephants and his affinity for Dodda Masti's family was evident. At times, Arjuna hesitated to venture far from the camp. This reluctance was due to the fear of leaving the proximity of Dodda Masti's family.

A FREAK ACCIDENT

In 1996, in a freak incident involving Arjuna and another elephant named Bahadur, the latter's mahout was inadvertently trampled at Karanji Lake and Arjuna was blamed for the incident resulting in his ban from Dasara for a few years.

On the request of Dr. D.N. Nagaraju, a veterinary doctor, Arjuna was reintroduced to the Dasara procession from 2000. From 2012 to 2015, Dodda Masti guided him to carry the Golden Howdah. In 2016, just before the commencement of the *Gajapayana*, Dodda Masti passed away.

In this unfortunate circumstance, Arjuna's handling was taken over by Dodda Masti's son Kavadi Sannappa alias Mahesh in 2016. In the years 2017 to 2019, Mahout Vinu led the lead elephant Arjuna in the procession, to carry the Golden Howdah. In 2020, marking Arjuna's completion of 60 years, he was officially retired from carrying the Howdah.

Mahout Vinu in tears during the last rites of Arjuna.

OTHER RECENT ELEPHANT DEATHS

Nov. 23, 2022	:	Dasara elephant Gopalaswamy (39) was killed by wild elephant Aiyappa at Veerana-hosahalli near Koluvige.
April, 2023	:	Durgaparameshwari collapsed and died at Balle Elephant Camp.
May 7, 2023	:	13-time Howdah Elephant Balarama died at Anekadu camp after a man fired at him. 43 bullet splinters were recovered.

Dasara elephant Arjuna gored to death by wild tusker

Priests from Mysore Palace performing rituals during the last rites of Dasara elephant Arjuna in Hassan this afternoon.

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Some of the local tribal leaders alleged that the Forest Department had caused Arjuna's death by misfiring the tranquiliser dart at him immobilising the giant in the face of the wild elephant attack. They demanded an impartial investigation.

The earth movers had dug up a huge pit to bury Arjuna. Mahout Vinu, who used to take care of Arjuna was inconsolable. As he was brought to the burial site, he broke down, loudly wailing the loss of Arjuna, who was like his family member. Addressing the crowd, Vinu said that he has lost his friend and it was an unbearable loss. After the priest performed the puja ceremonies, Arjuna's tusks would be removed and a post-mortem was scheduled to be done.

Minister holds emergency meeting

Meanwhile, Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar Khandre called for an emergency meeting with the District Ministers and MLAs of districts where wild elephant menace is rampant. The meeting was called in Belagavi Suvarna Soudha where the winter session is being held.

Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna, who is also the Legal Advisor to the CM, Madikeri MLA Dr. Manthar Gowda, Kodagu District Minister N.S. Boseraju, Ministers K.J. George and K.N. Rajanna were also present.

The meeting discussed the ways and means to combat the wild elephant menace and also decided to investigate the circumstances that led to the death of Arjuna in the wake of reports of negligence. The Ministers took stock of the reports of negligence that led to Arjuna's death as alleged by wildlife activists. Further details are awaited.

Mysore Palace Board mourns tragic death of jumbo

Mysuru, Dec. 5 - Dasara elephant Arjuna, who carried the Golden Howdah (Ambari) for 8 successive years between 2012 and 2019, was paid tributes at a condolence meeting held at the Mysore Palace Board here this morning.

Elephant Arjuna, aged about 60 years, died during a wild elephant taming operation at Sakleshpur taluk of Hassan district yesterday.

In a condolence message, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya said that Elephant Arjuna carried the Golden Howdah for 8 successive years during the Dasara procession and played a vital role in the success of Dasara procession. He further said that he was thrilled to see how Arjuna used to draw the painters nearer towards him and how he lifted them by his trunk when they were painting him on his skin for the procession.

All the staff of the Palace Board remembered Arjuna and paid floral tributes to the Dasara elephant.

Human trafficking is a global problem: District Judge

Day-long workshop on 'Prevention of Human Trafficking'

Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Prabhavathi M. Hiremath (fourth from left), who inaugurated the workshop at the ZP Hall in city this morning, is seen with ZP Deputy Secretary Savitha, Additional SP B.N. Nandini, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, Special Task Force for Prevention of Human Trafficking Member William Christopher, Senior Civil Judge B.G. Dinesh and DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy. Picture right shows a section of attendees at the workshop.

Mysuru, Dec.5 (BLU&DM)- Maintaining that human trafficking in not only a national problem but a global menace and as well as a societal evil, Mysuru Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Prabhavathi M. Hiremath observed that the problem needs to be tackled with collective, co-ordinated and continued efforts between all those involved in fighting this menace.

She was speaking after inaugurating a one-day workshop on 'Prevention of Human Trafficking' organised jointly by Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Women and Child Development Department and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) at the ZP Hall here this morning.

Pointing out that 664 cases pertaining to human trafficking have been registered in Manava Kalyana Samithi in the last one-and-a-half-year, out of which 584 cases in the last one year alone, Judge Prabhavathi said it is matter of concern that such a high number of cases have been registered in the District.

"The 584 cases registered in the last one year, included 420 women and 164 men missing cases and were concerned with child marriage, man/woman missing, sexual assault, beggary, bonded labour etc. These figures are staggering considering that measures have been taken for prevention of human trafficking," she noted

Continuing, she said the Samithi has thus far rescued 411 children and handed them back to their parents; 130 other children are sheltered in Care Centres, while 12 children have been adopted.

Stressing on the need for more effective measures to curb human trafficking, she raised concern that failure to prevent trafficking will result in the trafficked engaging in immoral activities such as prostitution or fall into the trap of bonded labour.

She further said that there are 9 Laws pertaining to prevention of human trafficking, 17 Government Schemes for rehabilitation and welfare of the rescued and 10 Departments, including the Police at work for ending the menace of human trafficking.

She called upon the PDOs and others attending the workshop to consider the matter seriously and make more efforts for ending the menace of human trafficking which is bothering the society for long.

Women and Child Development Department Deputy Director B. Basavaraj, Senior Civil Judge B.G. Dinesh, who is also the Member-Secretary of DLSA, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, Additional SP B.N. Nandini, Special Task Force for Prevention of Human Trafficking Member William Christopher, Advocate Ruth Anila, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy and others were present at the workshop.

Cyclone moving to Andhra

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The deep depression over the Bay of Bengal escalated into Cyclone Michaung, predicted to cross the South Andhra Pradesh coast between Nellore and Machilipatnam today, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Coastal Tamil Nadu, including areas from the IT Corridor to suburban and city localities, experienced heavy rain and strong winds. The downpour resulted in widespread destruction, confining large populations indoors throughout the day.

People living in core city areas like Mambalam, Mylapore, and Kodambakkam complained that their cars were floating in the flood water outside their homes or inside their apartment complexes, raising questions about the preparedness of the civic agencies and the State Government which recently spent Rs. 4,000 crore on storm water drains.

Videos depicting over a dozen cars floating in floodwaters near a high-rise building in Pallikaranai went viral, emphasising the extensive impact of Cyclone Michaung. Questions about the adequacy of infrastructure and disaster preparedness have been raised as residents grapple with the aftermath.

Lokayukta raid on Government First Grade College lecturer in city

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (RK&BS)- Following a complaint of owning assets disproportionate to known sources of income, Lokayukta Police raided the house and various other property linked to a Government First Grade College lecturer in the city early this morning.

Mahadeva Swamy, a lecturer at Government First Grade College, Nanjangud and resident of Gurukula Layout near J.P. Nagar Outer Ring Road, in Mysuru, was at home when a team of Lokayukta Policemen knocked on his door at about 6 am, catching him off-guard.

Simultaneous raids were conducted on his house and 10 other places including his work place (Government First Grade College, Nanjangud) and offices and business allegedly linked to him — 1. **M.S. Infratech,** 2. **Gurukula Credit Cooperative Society Limited,** 3. **Gurukula Academy School at Gurukula Layout and** 4. **Steel Shops at** i) **Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in Mysuru,** ii) **Nanjangud,** iii) **KR Nagar,** iv) **Mandya,** v) **Arakere in Srirangapatna taluk and** vi) **Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar district.**

Most of the assets belonging to Mahadeva Swamy are either in his name or that of his wife, the details of which are still being ascertained. The searches were still on at all these places, with some of the documents seized from them, at the time of going to the Press.

The raids were carried out under the guidance of Suresh Babu, Superintendent of Police (SP), Lokayukta, Mysuru Division and executed by several teams led by Dy.SPs Krishnaiah and Malathesh from Mysuru, Pavan Kumar from Madikeri, Mathew Thomas from Chamarajanagar and Suneel Kumar from Mandya. Lokayukta Police Inspectors Lokesh, Umesh, Jayarathna, Roopa, Ravikumar, Shashidhar and Byathre Gowda and staff also took part in conducting the raids.

Disabled take out three-wheeler scooter rally seeking rights

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (GA&DM)- As part of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the specially-abled persons of the city under the banner of 'Mysuru Visheshachetanara Hakkugala Horata Samithi' took out a three-wheeler scooter rally in the city on Sunday, seeking fulfillment of their demands.

The rally, which commenced from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple ended at P. Kalingarao Gaana Mantapa in Dasara exhibition premises, where a stage programme was held.

The demands included holding meeting once in two months to hear their grievances, granting of loans for purchase of houses under MCC's 5 percent grant and providing of subsidy through banks only to eligible beneficiaries, among others.

Samithi President Girish, Vice-President Syed Usman, office-bearers Shakuntala, Gopal Krishna, Dileep and others took part in the rally.

Abhiyenthararu to host three-day 'Ranga Sambhrama' from Dec. 8

Mysuru, Dec. 5- To commemorate its 30th anniversary celebrations, Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers, Mysuru, has organised 'Ranga Sambhrama' Theatre Festival at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises on Hunsur Road in city from Dec. 8 to 10.

Folk Scholar Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara will inaugurate the three-day Theatre Festival at 6.30 pm on Dec. 8. Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will release the souvenir. Senior theatre person Rajashekar Kadamba, film actor and theatre director Rajendra Karanth and Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be the chief guests during the inaugural ceremony.

Plays will be staged at 7 pm everyday. For details and tickets, contact Mob: 99453-55777 or 99022-38443.

SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 8 — 7 PM

Play	:	**SOOLE SANYASI**	**Playwright**	:	K.V. Subbanna
Director	:	Manjunath Badigar	**Music**	:	Srikantu
Singer	:	Shilpashree	**Art Director**	:	Mustafa Khan

Synopsis

On the one hand, Parivajraka Guru, a Yogacharya who renamed Sannappa as Shandilya and made him his disciple. On the other hand, Vasantasena, a courtesan who is longing for her lover Ramilaka, who has gone to attend a banquet, is also in love with Kohala, who has fallen behind her for a long time. Instead of taking the life of another Vasantasena by Yamapurusha, by mistake he takes the life of this Vasantasena. Shandilya, who fell in love with her, begged his guru to save her life with the mercy of humanity. When the Guru himself possessed her body through his soul, when the retreating Yamapurusha left the soul of Vasantasena in his hand in the body of the Guru. This drama is about the situations that happen when the souls change.

Cast & Crew

Abhinav Raj, Lakshman Datta Mohan, Shilpashree, Sushmashree, Ananya Hegde, Anand, Prajwal, Ravi, Prasha Gowda, Rajendra and Nagesh.

DECEMBER 9 — 7 PM

Play	:	**MALLIGE THOTADALLI MURDER**
Playwright & Director	:	Rajendra Karanth

Synopsis

Mallige Thotadalli Murder is a thriller laced with light humour. Kalpana, the owner of Mallige Tota, is murdered on a rainy day.

Subbanarasimha, the Sub-Inspector of Police, has to investigate and find the killer among seven suspects.

Cast

Rajendra Karanth, Yashwanth, Sushmashree, Prasha Gowda, Ramya Yogananda, Nagesh, Ganesh, Guruswamy and Thippeswamy.

DECEMBER 10 — 7 PM

Play	:	**CHIDAMBARA RAHASYA**	**Playwright**	:	Poornachandra Tejaswi
Adapted by	:	C. Basavalingaiah	**Director**	:	H.S. Suresh Babu
Music	:	Srikantu	**Art Director**	:	Mustafa Khan

Synopsis

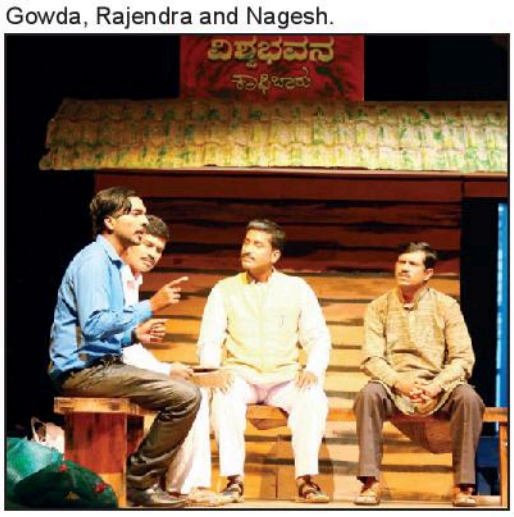
Chidambara Rahasya deals with a murder investigation, caste system, communal riots, blind beliefs, love story, friendship, youth rebels, landlords, untouchables, politics — all mixed together so harmoniously that you can separate out one from another together as one complete story.

This curious drama is laced with a lot of humour and the author has taken care to showcase various issues in a lighter vein so that people get the message, but don't get offended.

Though the drama mainly deals with the problems leading to the decline of elaichi business and its relation to the death of a senior scientist, the drama unfolds a lot of turbulent truths that exist in our society.

Cast & Crew

Abhinav Raj, Lakshman Datta Mohan, Shilpashree, Sushmashree, Anand, Prajwal, Prasha Gowda, Rajendra and Nagesh.



Weekend concerts at Nadabrahma Sabha

Iyer Brothers (Vid. Ramnath Iyer and Gopinath Iyer).

Pattabhirama Pandit

Dr. S.V. Sahana and Vid. A.P. Srinivas

Mysuru, Dec. 5- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised the following three programmes this weekend — Dec. 8, 9 and 10 — at its premises on JLB Road:

Dec. 8 - 6 pm

Smt. S.R. Kumuda Memorial, Sri D.V.S. Acharya Memorial sponsored by Leela Acharya and Ranganatha Iyengar Memorial sponsored by Iyengar Brothers.

Iyer Brothers (Vid. Ramnath Iyer and Gopinath Iyer) will present a Veena Duet Concert. They will be accompanied by Vid. Sai Shiv Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata.

On Dec. 9 - 6 pm

Smt. Shanta Narasimham Memorial Concert sponsored by Seetha Vatsalchari.

A Vocal Concert will be presented by **Vid. Pattabhirama Pandit** being accompanied by Vid. V.V.S. Murari on violin and Vid. H.S. Sudhindra on mridanga.

On Dec. 10 - 6 pm

Smt. Lalitha V. Murthy Birthday Remembrance Concert sponsored by Dr. Prathibha Pereira, Padma Satish and Monica Kim.

A unique instrumental **music ensemble 'Nad Ninad'** will be presented by **Vid. A.P. Srinivas** on violin and **Dr. S.V. Sahana** on veena, accompanied by Vid. Shadrach Soloman on keyboard, Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Pranav Dath on rhythm pads.

Haj Pilgrimage-2024: Apply before Dec. 20

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (KS)- Haj Committee of India had commenced the process of receiving application for Haj-2024 from Dec. 4, 2031 and the same will conclude on Dec. 20, 2023.

A free online filling of applications for Haj pilgrims has been organised at Phulwari, Muslim Girls Orphanage on Ashoka Road in city between 9 am and 6 pm.

Applicants should bring their original Passport with a photocopy of it, original Aadhaar card with a photocopy, vaccine report if any, Bank passbook with a photocopy of it, original PAN card along with a photocopy and passport size photo with white background.

For details, contact Abdul Azeez Chand on Ph: 0821-2417702 or Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed on Mob: 97417-89000 or Muzamil on 99020-67864.

Science Exhibition held at Al-Kareem School

Mysuru, Dec. 5- A Science Exhibition was conducted at Al-Kareem School in city recently.

Students actively participated and demonstrated different models and experiments of Science. Concepts of different subjects were also portrayed on the occasion. All the parents visited the expo and were awestruck to see the world of knowledge demonstrated by little gems of Al-Kareem School.

Former Corporator Suhail Baig, who was the chief guest at the expo, interacted with the students and appreciated them.

FEMALE FOETICIDE RACKET

Yet another nurse arrested in city

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (BLU&BS)- Byappanahalli Police of Bengaluru investigating into female foeticide racket arrested the Head Nurse of a private hospital in Mysuru city yesterday.

Usharani, Head Nurse of Chamundeshwari Hospital, behind now defunct Shanthala Theatre, was arrested by Byappanahalli Police, who had already arrested 10 accused in the case, including the former nurse of Mathaa Hospital in Udayagiri here, where the foetuses were being aborted. Ever since the female foeticide racket was busted, Police have traced the cases to Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru and arrested those involved in the illegal activity. They have been making startling revelations during the course of enquiry.

Acting on the information provided by arrested persons, it has emerged that touts were playing a key role in identifying and bringing those pregnant willing for abortion. Puttaraju, a middleman, had been bringing such women to Chamundeshwari Hospital, where Head Nurse Usharani was carrying out abortions with the assistance of another woman. Police have taken that woman also into their custody and quizzing her.

Police had also issued a notice to Jagadish, the owner of Chamundeshwari Hospital, to provide the records of the hospital. Jagadish, who appeared before the investigators, clarified that the management had in no way colluded with the racketeers.

"Those involved in the racket may have brought women to kill female foetuses at the hospital, but I am not aware about such activities," Jagadish has told Police.

Health Dept. mulls Rs. 50,000 cash prize for informers: DHO

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (BLU&BS)- In a significant development, Health and Family Welfare Department has decided to give a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 for those who provide inform related to persons and hospitals involved in killing female foetuses, said District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy.

Speaking to *SOM,* DHO Dr. Kumaraswamy said: "The Department will take several stringent measures to check female foeticide. Prior to this, a workshop has been planned on a bigger scale on next Wednesday or Thursday, for 1,800 ASHA workers of Mysuru district and 1,600 staff of Health and Family Welfare Department. They will be sensitised over actions to be taken to prevent female foeticide."

The general public will also be involved in taking preventive measures in the next stage, by creating awareness among them effectively through media. In the later stage, announcement related to cash prize of Rs. 50,000 to those individuals who come forth with the information related to female foeticide racket, will be made. But the information should be authentic and secrecy will be maintained about the informers, added DHO Dr. Kumaraswamy.

> **"Deputy Commissioner has instructed to complete the operation to trace quacks in two months. Soon after the inspection of scanning centres, the operation to identify quacks will be taken up. Some of the quacks were already identified and notice was served on them. But they claimed to have obtained certificate from medical institutions in several places including Kolkata. Some of them have also moved Court questioning the notice issued to them."**
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> — Dr. Gopinath, Family Welfare Officer, District Health and Family Welfare Department

Woman PDO collapses at Taluk Panchayat Office, dies at hospital

Family blames work pressure at office

Pandavapura, Dec. 5- A woman Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), who was on duty, collapsed and died at the Taluk Panchayat (TP) Office in the town yesterday. The deceased PDO is Bharathi (54), a resident of Vasanthanagar in Mysuru. She was serving as the Secretary at Tubinakere Gram Panchayat (GP) in Mandya taluk and was recently promoted as the PDO.

After being promoted, Bharathi was transferred to Gummanahalli GP in Pandavapura taluk. She leaves behind her ailing husband Prakash and one daughter.

It is learnt that RTI activist Ramesh, who is the husband of the GP Vice-President, had complained about sub-standard works of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) which were taken up at all GPs including Gummanahalli.

On Monday, MLA Darshan Puttanaiah and TP Executive Officer (EO) Lokesh Murthy had summoned Bharathi and complainant Ramesh to discuss the issue. After the meeting, Bharathi reportedly suffered severe chest pain and collapsed in the Office. She was immediately rushed to the General Hospital in the town, where she was provided first-aid and was later shifted to a hospital in Mysuru where she breathed her last.

Bharathi

The body of Bharathi was taken to the TP Office where it was kept for some time for the staff and public to pay their last respects and was later shifted to Mysuru. Meanwhile, Bharathi's family members and relatives have alleged that due to pressure from RTI activists, Bharathi had suffered a heart attack besides stating that there was pressure for PDOs in their Offices.

> **Bharathi had health issues. Following complaint from RTI activist Ramesh about sub-standard works taken up at all Gram Panchayats in the taluk, Ramesh and Bharathi were summoned to the Office to discuss the issue. At the meeting, the MLA instructed her to do her work properly and left. After the meeting, Bharathi went to her office during which she suffered severe chest pain and was rushed to the hospital.**
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> — Lokesh Murthy, Executive Officer, Pandavapura TP

Goldsmiths accused of cheating

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (BS)- Two goldsmiths have been charged with cheating a gold company owner of 512 grams of gold bar and Rs. 9.8 lakh cash. The accused are Nikhil and Madesh of KT Street and the victim is Sounder Rajan of DGF Gold Company, Srirampura Main Road here.

In his complaint to Kuvempunagar Police, Rajan has alleged, "I was regularly giving the order received from the customers to make gold jewellery to Nikhil and Madesh. On Sept. 12 this year, I had given 512 grams of gold bar and Rs. 9.8 lakh cash to make valuables for four customers. However, they neither designed the valuable nor returned cash."

Kuvempunagar Police have registered a case.

Man kills wife's lover at N'gud

Nanjangud, Dec. 5- A man allegedly hacked a 39-year-old man with a machete for having illicit relationship with his wife. The incident took place at Hosahalli village in the taluk. While the deceased has been identified as Mahadevaswamy of Hosahalli, the accused is Somaiah, a resident of the same village.

On Saturday afternoon, Somaiah attacked Mahadevaswamy, who was sleeping near the Chavadi at the village. Somaiah, who told Mahadevaswamy that he would kill him for having affair with his wife, took out a machete and brutally assaulted Mahadevaswamy.

Meanwhile, Mahadevaswamy's father-in-law Ravi, who saw Mahadevaswamy lying in a pool of blood, rushed him to Nanjangud Govt. Hospital, where first-aid was provided and later shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru and then to a private hospital but Mahadevaswamy succumbed to injuries on Sunday.

Post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members. A case has been registered at Nanjangud Rural Police Station.

Dy.SP Govindaraju, Inspector Sunil Kumar and staff visited the spot and conducted preliminary investigation. Steps have been taken to nab accused Somaiah.

MYSORE RACES 2023

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'STAR GLORY'

for Dr. M.N. Doreswamy Memorial Trophy

Mysuru, Dec. 5- Following are the selections for the 2nd day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday — Dec. 6, 2023:

1.	2.00 PM	THE GONIKOPPA PLATE	
		1600 mts. - rated 00 to 25	
		1. RAAZ	*2. UNITY*
2.	2.30 PM	THE TREASURE'S NEST PLATE - DIV. II	
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45	
		1. STITCH IN TIME	*2. RED HILLS*
3.	3.00 PM	THE MANASAGANGOTRI PLATE	
		1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65	
		1. FLASH BOND	*2. MAGIC CIRCLE*
4.	3.30 PM	THE KAKANAKOTE PLATE - DIV. II	
		1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65	
		1. LAND OF GOLD	*2. GUIDING FORCE*
5.	4.00 PM	THE DR. M.N. DORESWAMY MEMORIAL TROPHY	
		1200 mts. - rated 80 and above	
		1. STAR GLORY	*2. AMAZONIA*
6.	4.30 PM	THE KAKANAKOTE PLATE - DIV. I	
		1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65	
		1. MYSTIC BOND	*2. HEROISM*
7.	5.00 PM	THE TREASURE'S NEST PLATE - DIV. I	
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45	
		1. EXUBERANCE	*2. SWAGHATHAM*

DAY'S BEST: *STAR GLORY*

DOUBLE: *1. STITCH IN TIME 2. LAND OF GOLD*

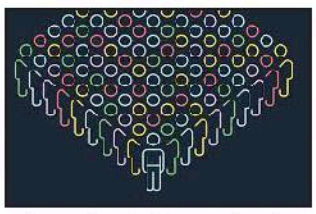
JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6, 7*

I TREBLE: *2, 3, 4* ***II TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*

EXACTAS: *1 to 7* ***—Tipster PGC***

WORD OF THE DAY

Hive mind



Pronunciation: HYVE-mynde.
Meaning: Hive mind refers to the collective thoughts, ideas and opinions of a group of people (such as Internet users) regarded as functioning together as a single mind. In biology, hive mind refers to the collective mental activity expressed in the complex, coordinated behaviour of a colony of social insects (such as bees or ants) regarded as comparable to a single mind controlling the behaviour of an individual organism.
Origin: Sometimes a biological term crosses over into everyday language with a similar, but less specific meaning. Take drone, a word for a stingless male bee: it dates back all the way to Old English and is also used today for (among other things) someone tasked with boring, repetitive work. More recently, hive mind has similarly flown beyond the apiary; what was first used to talk about the ways that colonies of social insects, like bees and ants, behave as a coordinated unit has come to be applied also to the collective thoughts, ideas, and opinions of a group of people seeming to function as a single entity. It's not uncommon nowadays to see someone appeal to the hive mind of a social media website for relationship advice or dining recommendations, for example, or refer to a celebrity's fanbase (like Queen Bey's "Beyhive") acting together to share the latest buzz about their favourite star.

THE ODD WORD

Hansom
Light two-wheeled cab.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Have the time of your life

Meaning: The phrase 'Have the time of your life' means to enjoy yourself very much.
Origin: No one knows for sure what the origin of the idiom 'Having the time of your life' is. This interesting phrase is derived from an even older one, 'having a good time,' which Sir Walter Scott introduced in his novel Rob Roy, which was written in 1817.
Example: "He had the time of his life working on the ranch."

QUOTE BOX

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.— **Mark Twain**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Checkmate.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Chimney dirt
5 Commonly used abbreviation for "Et cetera"
8 "__ 18" (Uris novel)
12 Dull sound
13 Sellout sign: abbr.
14 Revise copy
15 Islands - "its a" change?
16 Be unwell
17 Kind of gin
18 Divine being
19 Luxury car
21 Frequently
23 As ___ as a fox?
24 Speak on the radio
28 Op. __
31 Pointed hook
32 Playback singer Arun
33 Arm bone
34 Cashew Nut Shell, abbr.
35 Impasse
37 India's real-time payment system
38 Forty winks
39 At random, indiscriminate
44 Text to speech, acronym
47 A people of Japan
48 Period of time
49 Horse's gait
50 Den
51 National Chemical Laboratories, acronym?
52 Cautious and vigilant.
53 ___ Lang : she loves Superman, the man of steel?
54 Girl's pronoun
55 Highest point

DOWN
1 Male deer
2 Taft's state
3 Alfresco
4 Tax deducted at source, in short
5 Actor Morales
6 Reduce by cutting
7 Huge
8 Slovenly, untidy
9 S. Indian snack
10 Tawny animal
11 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
19 Limited, in short
20 Ultimo, in short
22 Marvellous
24 London TV source
25 Moved fast
26 Subjects of a country
27 __carte
28 Balderdash
29 Integer, in short?
30 Menlo Park initials
33 Thurman of Kill Bill
35 Mineral spring
36 Farthest limit
37 Star Trek lieutenant
39 Ex-Windies paceman Wes __
40 American Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
41 Nabokov novel
42 Curve
43 Breathing sound
45 ___ down : demolished?
46 River in Hades
49 Two

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

■	■	■	E	C	H	O	■	P	A	E	A	N
S	A	D	I	R	O	N	■	O	L	D	E	N
C	R	E	N	A	T	E	■	S	P	O	R	E
A	L	L	E	G	E	D	L	Y	■	■	■	■
M	O	P	■	■	L	A	Y	■	T	E	L	A
■	■	O	C	A	■	Y	E	A	R	N	E	D
I	N	T	E	N	T	■	S	W	A	T	H	E
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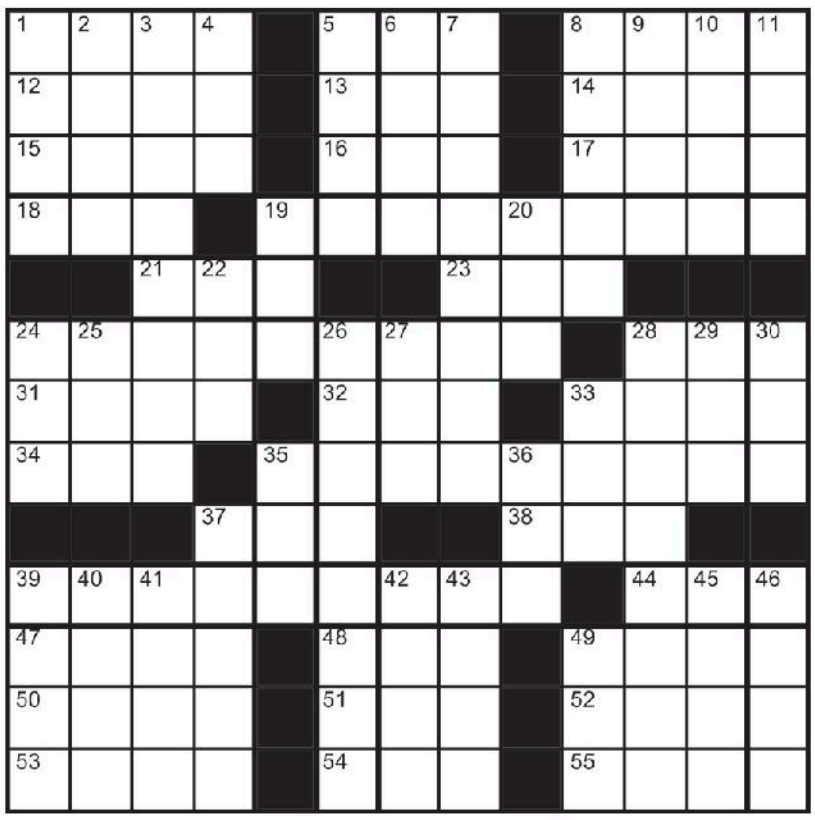

SUDOKU

7		5		1		6		
4								
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	5			6			9	
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			2		6			4
								2
		9		8		5		6

Answer to previous puzzle

8	9	6	7	5	4	1	2	3
4	7	1	2	6	3	9	8	5
3	2	5	1	9	8	7	6	4
1	5	2	3	8	7	6	4	9
6	4	7	9	2	1	3	5	8
9	3	8	5	4	6	2	7	1
2	1	9	8	7	5	4	3	6
5	6	3	4	1	2	8	9	7
7	8	4	6	3	9	5	1	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZQH ZMRZQ TL KW ZQH NJMVQ JWA

WKZQTWY PTGG LZKC TZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you can't be funny, be interesting.

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  Sugar Factory (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Maaveeran (Ta) - 2 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Ranchi (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Bhagavanth Kesari (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
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- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
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- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Tiger 3 (H) - 4 Shows
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Animal (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 2.20 pm, 6.10 pm
	(S-4)	6.30 pm, 10.15 pm
Animal (Te)	(S-1)	10.05 pm
Animal (K)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Ardhambardha Premakathe (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Parking (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-2)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Bad Manners (K)	(S-3)	10.10 am
Annapoorani - Goddess of Food (Ta)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Sapta Sagardaache Ello - B (K)	(S-3)	7.20 pm (S-4) 10.05 am, 1 pm
Atharva (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Ranchi (K)	(S-4)	3.50 pm

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Parking (Ta)	(S-1)	10.35 am
Saptha Sagaradaache Ello – B (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm; (S-4) 10.45 am
Bad Manners (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Ardhambardha Prema Kathe (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Annapoorani: Goddess of Food (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Animal (H)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 6.00 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	7.45 pm; (S-4) 2.40 pm
Animal (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-2)	1.45 pm; (S-4) 9.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.10 am, 4.50 pm
Napolean (E)	(S-4)	6.25 pm

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Animal (K)	: 1.50 pm
Annapoorani - Goddess of Food (Ta)	: 4.15 pm
Kaathal - The Core (Ma)	: 10.15 pm
Parking (Ta)	: 1.25 pm, 7.20 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	: 9.20 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	: 12.35 pm, 7.05 pm
Shoshite (K)	: 11.00 am
Tiger 3 (H)	: 3.45 pm, 10.10 pm

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Animal (K)	: 12.05 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	: 8.50 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	: 4.10 pm
Ardhambardha Prema Kathe (K)	: 7.15 pm
Parking (2023) (Ta)	: 10.15 pm

Catch Them Young: AVK students trained at Infosys Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 5- **M. Hemamrutha, Ravishankar** and **Shrikara Bharadwaj** of Class IX from Acharya Vidya Kula (AVK), Mysuru, were chosen for the Catch Them Young (CTY 2023) Programme of Infosys, Mysuru.

During the programme, students were trained in 'Information Technology Concepts and Behavioural Skills.' The programme lasted for two weeks at the Infosys Campus, Mysuru.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 5)

- **Departments of Kannada and History, St. Philomena's College, Mysuru:** Mega Book Exhibition by Navakarnataka Publications, Mysuru, College auditorium, Bannimantap, **up to 4.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Veerabhadraswamy and Sri Chamarajeshwaraswamy Temple Trust, D. Banumaiah Road, K.R. Mohalla:** Purnakumbha Welcome to Siddaganga Seer Siddalinga Swamiji from Manteswamy Temple to Sri Veerabhadraswamy, **5 pm.**
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha:** Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Memorial 28th Music Conference, vocal duet by **Mahati and Vipanchee,** accompanied by C.V. Shruti on violin and Keshava Datta on mridanga, **5.30 pm;** Vocal concert by **Gayathri Venkataraghavan,** accompanied by V. Srikanth on violin, K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Navajyothi auditorium, JSS Women's College premises, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 6)

- **Departments of Kannada and History, St. Philomena's College, Mysuru:** Mega Book Exhibition by Navakarnataka Publications, Mysuru, College auditorium, Bannimantap, **9.30 am to 4.30 pm.**
- **ESIC Pensioners Association, Karnataka:** Silver Jubilee celebrations, ESI Corporation Member K. Radhakrishna, IGP (retd.) K. Arkesh and Additional Commissioner and ESIC Karnataka Regional Director T. Renuka Prasad will be present, Guru Residency, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 94835-22644 or 99002-62227]
- **Department of Studies (DoS) in Jainology and Prakrit, University of Mysore (UoM):** Special Lecture on 'Basadigalu: Samskrutika Nirvahane mattu Yajamanya' by Dr. K. Sharada, Kannada Professor, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Vijayakumari S. Karikal, President, DoS in Jainology and Prakrit, presides, Dr. S. Arunakumari, Guest Lecturer, comperes, DoS in Jainology and Prakrit premises, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Mysuru Book Clubs - 2015:** Book release followed by discussion — Radhika Iyengar's 'Fire on the Ganges - Life among the Dead in Banaras' — with Meena Joshi, Member of Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 and a Benarasi, Grub House, Vinoba Road (opposite KSOU), Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha:** Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Memorial 28th Music Conference, vocal concert by Sampagodu Vighnaraja, accompanied by Mattur R. Srinidhi on violin, A.V. Anand on mridanga and Vyasa Vittala on kanjira, **5.30 pm;** Valedictory function and award ceremony, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Mysore M. Nagaraj presides, conferring of 'Sangitha Vidya Nidhi' title on veteran mridangist A.V. Anand and 'Sangitha Seva Nidhi' title on Aravinda Hebbar, Navajyothi auditorium, JSS Women's College premises, Saraswathipuram, **7.30 pm.**

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		6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-2)	9.45 am, 1.50 pm
		5.55 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-4)	8.05 am, 12.10 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-3)	9.25 am, 12.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	(S-3)	3.55 pm
Suri Bad Manners (K)	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Ardhambardha Prema Kathe (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Parking (Ta)	(S-4)	10.00 pm

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Sam Bahadur (H)	: 9.25 am, 3.50 pm 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	: 12.40 pm
Anavarana (K)	: 3.00 pm

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